Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The community that is South Dakota is the sum of its parts, and Blanche L. Orton chose to make South Dakota her home, the state in which she lives, befriends, works, loves, and worships, and we are richer because Blanche lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, the day we first breathed air and found our voices, the day we first saw and heard; the day we first were; and,

Whereas, We celebrate the birthdays of those we love to commemorate the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Blanche will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Janklow, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 31, 2002, as

Blanche L. Orton Day

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Two.

William J. Janklow, Governor

Attest:

Joyce Hazeltine, Secretary of State